



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. 09/671,283 Confirmation No. 6590
Applicant John A. GIORDANO et al.
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Examiner Shengjun Wang

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Customer No. 23767

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Final Office Action mailed 13 August 2003, for one month, i.e., from 13 November 2003 to 13 December 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees in connection with the filing of the attached papers to the undersigned Deposit Account no. 50-1067. If any extensions or fees are not accounted for, such extension is requested and the associated fee should be charged to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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